8011-01p SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION [Release No. 34-70901; File No. SR-CME-2013-30]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Corrections to Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. Rule 274H.02.A. Regarding Timing of Determination of the Spot Exchange Rate of Chilean Peso per United States Dollar for Use in Settlement of Cleared Spot, Forward and Swap Contracts

November 19, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2013, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by CME. CME filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)(ii)⁴ thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

CME is filing a proposed rule change that is limited to its business as a derivatives clearing organization. More specifically, the proposed rule change would make amendments to its rules to correct an error in the current rule text of CME Rule 274H.02.A. regarding cash settlement of Cleared OTC USD/CLP Spot, Forwards and Swaps Contracts.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4)(ii).

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, CME included statements concerning the purpose and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. CME has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

CME is registered as a derivatives clearing organization with the Commodity Futures

Trading Commission and currently offers clearing services for many different futures and swaps

products. With this filing, CME proposes to make amendments to its rules regarding its OTC

foreign currency ("FX") swap clearing offering. Although this change will be effective on filing,

CME plans to operationalize the proposed change on November 17, 2013 for trade date

November 18, 2013.

The proposed rule change is intended to correct an error in the current rule text of CME Rule 274H.02.A. regarding Cash Settlement of Cleared OTC USD/CLP Spot, Forwards and Swaps Contracts. Specifically, the proposed rule change would amend the time of the underlying benchmark fixing for the spot exchange rate of the Chilean peso per U.S. dollar that is calculated by the Central Bank of Chile and is used by CME for the final cash settlement of Cleared OTC USD/CLP from 8:00 p.m. Santiago time to 10:30 a.m. Santiago time.

The change that is described in this filing is limited to CME's business as a derivatives clearing organization clearing products under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and does not materially impact CME's security-based

swap clearing business in any way. CME notes that it has already submitted the proposed rule change that is the subject of this filing to its primary regulator, the CFTC, in CME Submission 13-507R.

CME believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act including Section 17A of the Act.⁵ The proposed rule change would correct an error in the current rule text of CME Rule 274H.02.A. regarding cash settlement of Cleared OTC USD/CLP Spot, Forwards and Swaps Contracts to reflect the actual time that the spot exchange rate of the Chilean peso per U.S. dollar is calculated by the Central Bank of Chile (and therefore the timing used by CME for the final cash settlement of Cleared OTC USD/CLP). Because the change will ensure CME rules accurately reflect this timing, the change should be seen to be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and, to the extent applicable, derivatives agreements, contracts, and transactions, to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.⁶

Furthermore, the proposed change is limited in its effect to swaps products offered under CME's authority to act as a derivatives clearing organization. These products are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the CFTC. As such, the proposed change is limited to CME's activities as a derivatives clearing organization clearing swaps that are not security-based swaps; CME notes that the policies of the CFTC with respect to administering the Commodity Exchange Act are comparable to a number of the policies underlying the Act, such as promoting market

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

transparency for over-the-counter derivatives markets, promoting the prompt and accurate clearance of transactions and protecting investors and the public interest.

Because the proposed change is limited in its effect to swaps products offered under CME's authority to act as a derivatives clearing organization, the proposed change is properly classified as effecting a change in an existing service of CME that:

- (a) primarily affects the clearing operations of CME with respect to products that are not securities, including futures that are not security futures, and swaps that are not security-based swaps or mixed swaps; and
- (b) does not significantly affect any securities clearing operations of CME or any rights or obligations of CME with respect to securities clearing or persons using such securities-clearing service.

As such, the change is therefore consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act⁷ and are properly filed under Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)(ii)⁹ thereunder.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. The rule change makes changes to accurately reflect the timing of the pricing mechanism for settlement of swaps contracts and should therefore not be seen to have any competitive concerns.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4)(ii).

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

CME has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments regarding this proposed rule change. CME has not received any unsolicited written comments from interested parties.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)¹⁰ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)(ii)¹¹ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.¹²

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml), or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-CME-2013-30 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20549-1090.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4)(ii).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2013-30. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours or 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CME and on CME's website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit

personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you

wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2013-30

and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS FROM DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated

authority.¹³

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17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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